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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/649,864

Filed: August 28, 2000

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
VERIFYING MODEM STATUS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7398

Examiner: Zhong, Chad

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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** have been included with this paper. Both a replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes have been included.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.



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